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**PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yukio NAKAJIMA

Appln. No.: 09/269,972

Group Art Unit: 2123

Confirmation No.: 1844

Examiner: Dwin McTaggart Craig

Filed: April 8, 1999

For: TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three (3) months, extending the time for filing a Brief on Appeal subsequent to the submission of a Notice of Appeal on August 28, 2006, to and including January 28, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith.

A check for the statutory fee of \$1,020.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (with the exception of the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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